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Name	Lahiru Udara
DOB	27/11/1993
Nationality	Sri Lankan
Player Status	Unavailable
Playing Role	Wicket-Keeper
Batting Style	RH Opening Bat
Bowling Style	RA Off Spin
Entry Route	International Sportsperson Visa
Coaching Qualifications	UKCC Level 2

Lahiru Udara is an explosive batter who was finally rewarded for his domestic consistency with international selection this summer.

Whilst he didn't feature for Sri Lanka against India in their white-ball fixtures (July 2021), his selection in the 25-man squad was well and truly justified.

The opening batter, who also keeps wicket, was the leading run-scorer in Sri Lanka's top flight (Tier A) first-class competition last summer (2019/20).

In his 14 innings, Udara struck 1,039 runs at 86.58 with 3 centuries including his quite-sensational 290* (303 balls) against Ragama. He also scored 6 consecutive half-centuries (70, 105, 90, 93, 111, 66).

Udara's success last summer came as no surprise, following his barnstorming 2018/19 season across the three formats, where he struck 831 runs at 41.55 (first-class), 269 runs at 53.80 (List A), and 239 runs at 29.87 (T20), respectively.

His exploits for Nondescripts (NCC) culminated with selection for the Sri Lanka A and Emerging Players sides in July 2019, where he impressed against the touring South African Emerging Players and Bangladesh A sides. More recently, he also featured for the Sri Lankan XI sides against the touring West Indies and England sides (March 2020).

Udara, who plays for the star-studded NCC side, alongside the likes of Dinesh Chandimal, Farveez Maharoof, Lahiru Kumara, Tharindu Kaushal, Mahela Udawatte, Chaturanga de Silva, Lasith Malinga, and Angelo Perera, to name but a few, has long been regarded as a "player for the future".

Udara has played in the top tier (A) of the Premier League over the past four seasons, following his move from Colombo Cricket Club (CCC), with whom he spent the 2015/16 summer. His return to NCC followed a solitary season with CCC - he'd previously spent the 2013/14 and 14/15 seasons with them.

He impressed on his return to NCC, winning the Under-23 "T20 Player of the Season" courtesy of his run-scoring exploits in the T20 format (throughout July 2016). Udara topped the run charts, belting 320 runs at 45.71, all with a strike rate of 175.82. He then started to find his feet for NCC in List A cricket, averaging 40.50 in 2016/17.

In 2017/18, though, Udara not only cemented his sport in NCC's first-class side but ended up finishing third on their Premier League Tournament (Tier A) run charts hitting 516 runs at 34.40, to include a career-best 157. Only Perera (680 at 45.33) and Udawatte (534 at 31.41) racked up more runs for NCC. In 2019/20, he excelled once again, thus culminating with Sri Lanka A and Emerging Player's honours.

Udara is highly regarded and has now extended his reputation to the Northern shores racking 610 runs at 50.83 for Chipstead in the Surrey Championship (Division 1) in 2017, before churning out a further 466 runs at 31.07 for Glossop, in Division 1 of the Greater Manchester Cricket League.

The talented keeper / batter, who also excelled in several CricX matches during the 2018 season, is now eager to showcase his skills down under in 2022/23.

Overseas Statistics

Team (Season)	Mts	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ovs	Runs	Wkts	BB	Avg
Glossop (2018)	16	16	1	466	113	31.07	-	-	-	-	-
Chipstead (2017)	16	15	2	616	137*	47.38	-	-	-	-	-